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SUBJ: BAHAMAS CRAWFISH SEASON

REF: NASSAU 1050

1. EMBASSY'S SUSPICIONS FOR MOTIVE BEHIND POSTPONEMENT OF THE OPEN CRAWFISH SEASON IN THE BAHAMAS ARE EVIDENTLY UNWARRANTED. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY IMPENDING ACTION BY BAHAMIAN POLICE VESSELS.

2. REASON FOR DELAY IS THAT GCOB INTENDS TO MODIFY ITS REGULATIONS TO PERMIT BAHAMIAN FISHERMEN TO USE LOBSTER TRAPS AND BUREAUCRATIC MACHINERY JUST DIDN'T OPERATE QUICKLY ENOUGH TO MEET THE AUGUST 1 DEADLINE.

3. LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY SOURCES ARE REPORTED AS COMPLAINING ABOUT LOSSES THIS DELAY WILL COST THEM, AS FISHERMEN WILL FISH ANYWAY AND SELL THEIR CATCH DIRECTLY TO U.S. "BUY BOATS" OUTSIDE BAHAMIAN CFZ.

4. FOR CCGDSEVEN AND NMFS: EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THIS

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SITUATION WARRANTS COST OF SPECIAL PATROLS OR FLIGHTS, BUT

RECOMMENDS THAT REGULAR PATROLS TRY TO COVER MAIN CONCENTRA-
TIONS OF U.S. FISHERMEN IN THE BAHAMAS AREA AND PASS THE WORD
ABOUT THE DELAYED OPEN SEASON.
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